

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 546

By Todd

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mary Ann Spencer for meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding school principals who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable educator is Mary Ann Spencer, Principal of Macon-Hall Elementary School, who recently received the Education Consumers Foundation's Value-Added Achievement Award; this is an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a principal, as it recognizes the invaluable contributions she has made to the education of the youth of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Value-Added Achievement Award recognizes that Macon-Hall Elementary, with Principal Spencer at its helm, has been among the most effective of Tennessee's more than 1,300 elementary and middle schools in teaching reading/language arts and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Macon-Hall Elementary was selected on the basis of its most recent three-year-average achievement gains in the subjects of reading/language arts and mathematics and was one of only nine elementary schools selected statewide for this honor; and

WHEREAS, only principals having five or more years in their current positions were considered for the award; following an extensive background of service in Shelby County Schools as a teacher, Assistant Principal, and Principal in other county schools, Ms. Spencer was named Principal of Macon-Hall when it opened in 1997; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, Macon-Hall has developed its highly-regarded reputation of being a school with high expectations for each student with a faculty committed to helping each and every child achieve success, both academically and socially; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong learner, Mary Ann Spencer believes her most important role is to be the instructional leader of the school; with a contagious passion for learning, she continually seeks out highly-effective personnel and programs that will enhance and enrich the lives of each member of the Macon-Hall community; and

WHEREAS, from welcoming each student by name in the morning to sending them off at the curb in the afternoon car line, Principal Spencer never lets anyone forget that each child is valuable and loved and deserves a safe and nurturing learning environment; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Spencer is an extremely talented and compassionate principal who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Spencer truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated principal who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ms. Mary Ann Spencer upon receiving the Education Consumers Foundation's Value-Added Achievement Award, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.